(c) whether it has started functioning; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) Reports of Outbreak of diseases in various parts of the country prompted the Government to strengthen the disease surveillance system for identification of outbreaks in early phase and effective response to such outbreaks. As a part of National Disease Surveillance and Response System, rapid response teams would be established in the states to respond immediately to any epidemic situation. This would enable district health system to develop capabilities for responding to outbreaks in an organised manner.

Opening of CGHS dispensary at Pauri, U.P.

372. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the retired/pensioner Central Government employees residing in hill districts of U.P. are demanding Government for opening CGHS dispensary at Pauri, District Pauri Garhwal, U.P.;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision for opening of CGHS dispensary, particularly at Pauri, in U.P. in near future; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) According to the present norms of the CGHS, the CGHS facilities can be extended only to cities with a population of 7,500 or more Central Government employees/ pensioners. State Capitals are to be taken up in the first instance.

First Lady Dental College in Private Sector

373. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first lady dental college has recently been allowed in private sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and needs for opening such colleges; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up such colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Implementation of the recommendations of Central Pollution Control Board

374. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to implement the recommendations of CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board) on hospital waste managements pollution levels and standards of incinerators; if so, details thereof;

(b) whether government are aware that infectious waste is not destroyed by incinerator in Government run hospitals;

(c) whether Government are planning to introduce a more eco-friendly system of waste disposal;

(d) whether Government consider to hike the paltry sum of Rs. 10 lakhs earmarked in 1996-97 for waste management and control in hospitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The guidelines prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board on hospital waste have been circulated to all Central Government hospitals for necessary action.

(c) The draft Bio-medical Waste Rules notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, have been proposed with the objection of protecting environment.

(d) and (e) Incinerators have been